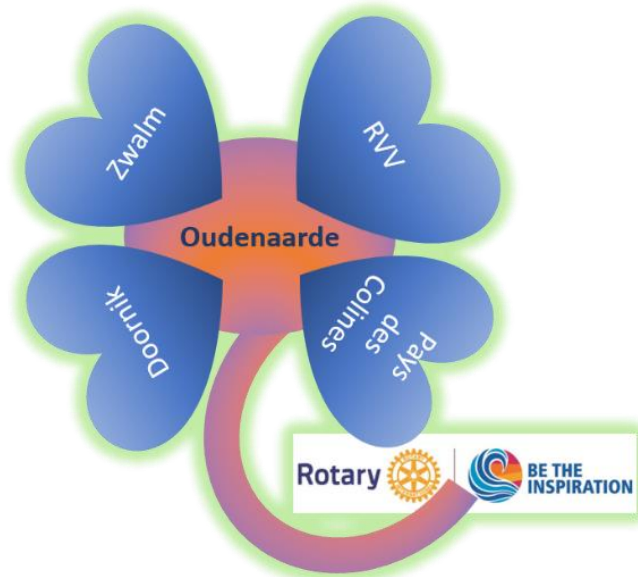


4-DAYS ROTARY FELLOWSHIP CYCLING TO SERVE – 23/26 MAY 2019  
OUDENAARDE - BELGIUM



## PROGRAM



Internationaal



G-Foot Geraardsbergen

Espoir en tête / Hoofdzaak er is Hoop



Dear,

17 January 2019

Under the umbrella of the Rotary International Fellowship Cycling to Serve the FCS Belgium organizes the 2019 4-days event in Belgium, Oudenaarde.

We expect more than 100 Rotarians, partners, family and friends on the roads that breath cycling. You may expect regions where real Flandriens were born, where cycling history has been written in cobblestones, sweat has been converted into honour as my friend Robert says: *'Pain is temporary, pride is for ever'*.

From Wednesday afternoon, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, till Sunday, May, 26<sup>th</sup> we propose a program for cycling and culture activities covered with the typical, splendid, top food and drink culture of the Belgian people!

Placing the museum of the Tour of Flanders in the central of the event you will experience a 4-days you will not soon forget!

The FCS gala dinner on Saturday evening, in the renomated Salons Mantovani, will bring some additional texture to the event and will put the Belgian gastronomy in its spotlights it deserves.

Make sure you are a part of it and read the program below!

More info on the Fellowship Cycling to Serve you may find [here](#).



For the Rotary Fellowship Cycling to Serve Belgium,

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## Cycling program

The program is based on the cycling program, the culture program is added separately. Chronological it may look like this:

### Wednesday May, 22<sup>nd</sup> – Arrival day

- Welcome and subscription at the Center of The Tour of Flanders (Centrum Ronde Van Vlaanderen) in the 'Peletoncafé' Markt 43, 9700 Oudenaarde <http://crvv.be/brasserie/>
  - You will receive here all info
  - You register your presence
  - **Start at 14u00**



- FCS International Board meeting – invitation send by president Jean-Luc Berger
  - Location HOTEL STEENHUYSE - Markt 37, 9700 Oudenaarde, <https://www.steenhuysse.be/>
  - **Start:17h00**
- Briefing Day 1
  - Briefing room entrance through Peletoncafé, Markt 43, 9700 Oudenaarde <http://crvv.be/>
  - Welcome drink offered – local glass of beer
  - 19h00 Briefing Day 1
- Dinner Day 1
  - In the same room, after the briefing, typical delicious Belgian food on the menu!
  - Water on the table

### Thursday May, 23<sup>rd</sup> – Zwalm Cycling – get to know each other

- Start at the square next to the Center of The Tour of Flanders (see briefing)
  - 80 and 120km ride: start at 9u30
  - 50km ride: start at 11u00
  - The 80/120 will split up during the ride



- Pasta bar after the ride
  - in the 'Peletoncafé' Markt 43, 9700 Oudenaarde <http://crvv.be/brasserie/>
  - Directly after the ride, you can enjoy a pasta bar
  - Water on the table



- Briefing Day 2
  - Briefing room entrance through Peletoncafé, Markt 43, 9700 Oudenaarde <http://crvv.be/>
  - Welcome drink offered – local glass of beer
  - 19h00 Briefing Day 2
- Dinner Day 2
  - In the same room, after the briefing, typical delicious Belgian food on the menu!
  - Water on the table

## Friday May, 24<sup>th</sup> – Tour of Flanders – feel the cobblestones

- Start at the square next to the Center of The Tour of Flanders (see briefing)
  - 120km ride: start at 9u30 – stop in Geraardsbergen, Bar Gidon, Markt
  - 80km ride: start at 10u30 – stop in Geraardsbergen, Bar Gidon, Markt
  - 50km ride: start at 11u00 – stop in Geraardsbergen, Bar Gido, Markt



*The Muur of Geraardsbergen*

- Pasta bar after the ride
  - in the 'Peletoncafé' Markt 43, 9700 Oudenaarde <http://crvv.be/brasserie/>
  - Directly after the ride, you can enjoy a pasta bar
  - Water on the table
- Briefing Day 3
  - Briefing room entrance through Peletoncafé, Markt 43, 9700 Oudenaarde <http://crvv.be/>
  - Welcome drink offered – local glass of beer
  - 19h00 Briefing Day 3
- Dinner Day 3
  - In the same room, after the briefing, typical delicious Belgian food on the menu!
  - Water on the table

## Saturday May, 25<sup>th</sup> – Pays des Collines – into the nature

- Start at the square next to the Center of The Tour of Flanders (see briefing)
  - 120km ride: start at 9u30 – stop in xxxxxx
  - 80km ride: start at 10u30 – stop in xxxxxx
  - 50km ride: start at 11u00





- Pasta bar after the ride
  - in the 'Peletoncafé' Markt 43, 9700 Oudenaarde <http://crvv.be/brasserie/>
  - Directly after the ride, you can enjoy a pasta bar
  - Water on the table

## Sunday May, 25<sup>th</sup> – Farewell ride

- Start at the square next to the Center of The Tour of Flanders (see briefing)
  - one ride: start at 9u30 probably direction of Doornik following l' Escaut (flat)
- Check out
- No lunch provided



THANK YOU!

*See you all at the Worldchampion Rotary event on August 31, 2019, Netherlands, Lochem!!*

## Culture program (for non-cycling participants)

*All participants, cyclist and non-cyclists, to the FCS 4-days event will receive a free entrance ticket to the museum Tour of Flanders that can be used during you stay.*

### Thursday May, 23<sup>rd</sup> – Visit Ronse / Renaix

- Start parking in front of Hotel Leopold
  - Based on the number of participants we will provide a bus for transport
  - start at 10u00
- Guided visit of the city Ronse / Renaix
  - Crypte, historical environment
  - Local products tasting (including the famous Belgian chocolates)
- Guided visit to a Belgian Brewery ‘Roman’
  - Tasting Adrien Brouwer beer
  - The beer will be used as an ingredient in the dinner



### Friday May, 24<sup>th</sup> – Visit Geraardsbergen (de Muur)

- Start parking in front of Hotel Leopold
  - Based on the number of participants we will provide a bus for transport
  - start at 9u30
- Guided visit of the city Geraardsbergen
  - Probably split up in 2 groups
  - Local handcraft products tasting
    - Gysbergh42 (gin, also workshop on cooking with gin...)
    - Mattentaart – worldwide famous
  - Walking distance 3km, need good shoes
  - Meet and greet with the FCS cyclists at Bar Gidon, Markt
  - We will try to organize this day so you can support your cycling partner!!
- Guided visit to a bakery Mattentaarten
  - Possibility to buy Mattentaarten
  - The beer will be used as an ingredient in the dinner



## Saturday May, 25<sup>th</sup> – Visit Lessines

- Start parking in front of Hotel Leopold
  - Based on the number of participants we will provide a bus for transport
  - start at 9u30
- Guided visit of the Museum Hopital Notre-Dame a la Rose (UNESCO)
  - Fantastic museum!
  - Lunch at the cafetaria with friends of Rotaryclub Lessines
- Guided visit of the Historical buildings in Lessines
- Guided visit of the 'quarry' (steengroeve, carrières)
  - Fauna and flora

## Sunday May, 25<sup>th</sup> – Visit Tournai - Doornik

- Start parking in front of Hotel Leopold
  - Transport with own cars
  - start at 9u30
  - Meet the cyclists on the historical market







## GALA DINNER – Salons Mantovani

Saturday May, 25<sup>th</sup> – Gala dinner - connect

- **Galadiner at the Salons Mantovani**, Doorn 1, 9700 Oudenaarde <https://www.salons-mantovani.be/>
  - **Exclusive** Gala Diner, smoking please ☺
  - Reception starts at 19h00
  - Networking and dinner
  - Briefing last day
  - We will look for transportation to the Salons and back to the hotels
  - Typical Belgian menu, top class!
  - Social projects